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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US ANTI-TRUST IMPLICATIONS OF
-- INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY STUDY GROUPS

REF: (A) CANBERRA 2942 (NOTAL, (B) LONDON 6129 (NOTAL)

1. THE MISSION JOINS EMBASSY CANBERRA IN REQUESTING A
COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GUIDELINES FOR INDUSTRY
PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP (ILZSG).
WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE OUTLINE BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 45TH MEETING OF THE ILZSG STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE US POSITION ON THE APPLICABILITY OF US ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION TO ILZSG ACTIONS (PARA 5, REF B).

2. PLEASE PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THE EXTENT THAT THE
US POSITION ON ANTI-TRUST ASPECTS OF THE ILZSG MIGHT ALSO
APPLY TO OTHER EXISTING OR CONTEMPLATED FUTURE COMMODITY
STUDY GROUPS OR CONSULTATION FORUMS, SUCH AS THAT CONTEM-
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PLATED FOR COPPER. THE NINE EC MEMBER STATES WITH THE EC
COMMISSION SEEK TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ISSUES AND AGREEMENTS THROUGH WEEKLY MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS OF A SPECIAL EC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUERIES BY THE EC COMMISSION ON THE US ANTI-TRUST POSITION ON SUCH BODIES SINCE THIS

POSITION MAY ASSUME CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. IF THE
MEMBER STATES ARE AWARE OF US VIEWS EARLY IN THEIR
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, IT MIGHT INFLUENCE THEM TO ADOPT
POSITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THESE VIEWS. HINTON

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